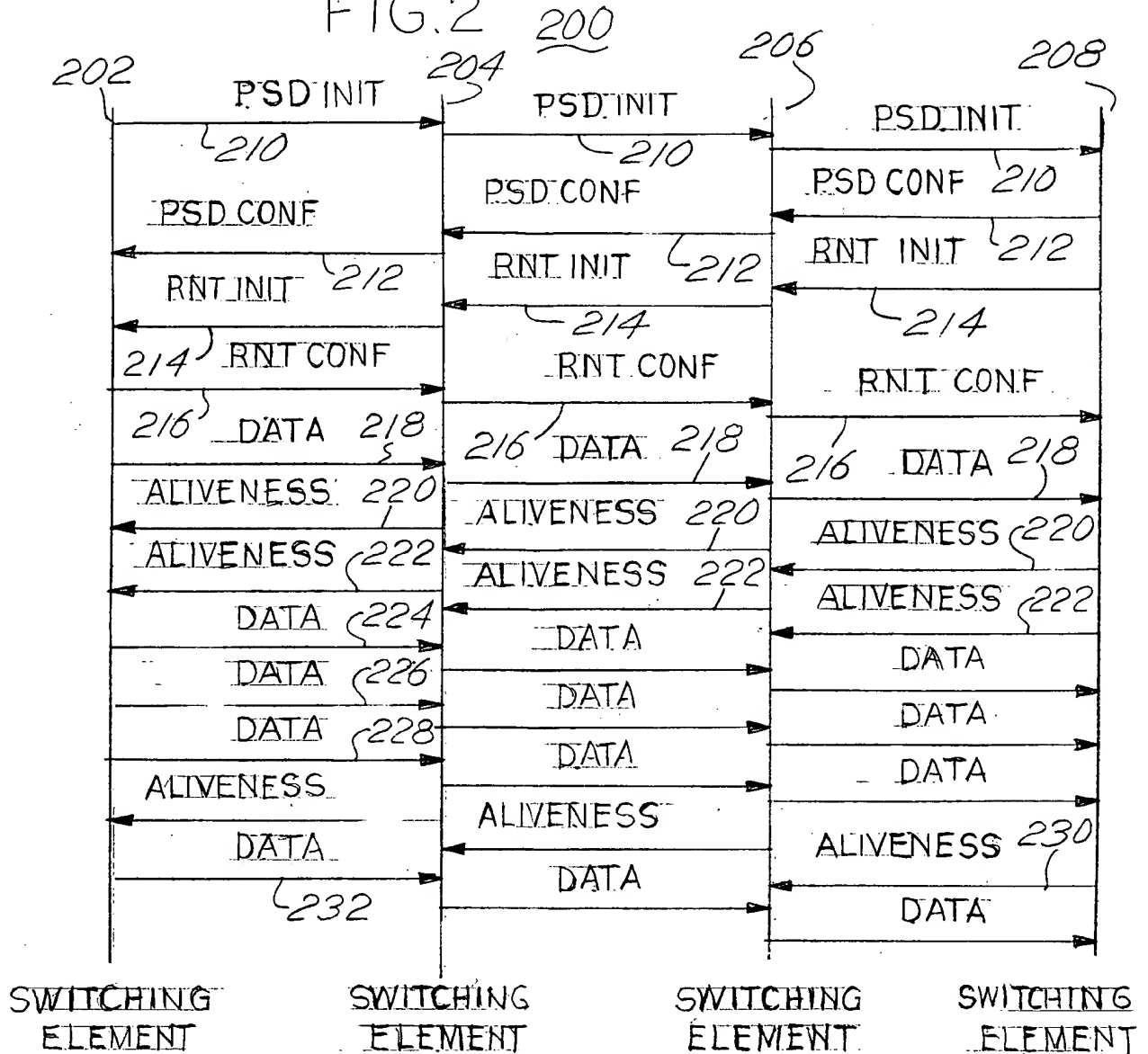




FIG. 2



PSD=PROTECTION SWITCH DOMAIN(ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING AND PROTECTION PATH: IDENTIFICATION OF SWITCHING ELEMENTS)

RNT=REVERSE NOTIFICATION TREE (ESTABLISHMENT OF REVERSE PATH FOR NOTIFICATION OF ALIVENESS)

INIT=INITIALIZE

CONF=CONFIRM

DATA=DATA FLOW

ALIVENESS=NOTIFICATION OF WORKING PATH STATUS